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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-102(1), is amended by designating the current language of the subdivision as new subdivision (A) and by adding the following language as a new subdivision (B):

- (B) "Abuse or neglect" means transporting an adult and knowingly abandoning, leaving or failing to provide additional planned transportation for the adult if the adult's caretaker knows, or should know, that:
 - (i) The adult is unable to protect or care for himself or herself without assistance or supervision; and
 - (ii) The caretaker's conduct causes any of the results listed in subdivision (1)(A) or creates a substantial risk of such results;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-102(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

- (5) "Caretaker":
- (A) Means an individual or institution who has assumed the duty to provide for the care of the adult by contract or agreement;
- (B) Includes a parent, spouse, adult child or other relative, both biological or by marriage, who:
 - (i) Resides with or in the same building with or regularly visits the adult;

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- (ii) Knows or reasonably should know of the adult's mental or physical dysfunction or advanced age; and
- (iii) Knows or reasonably should know that the adult is unable to adequately provide for the adult's own care; and
- (C) Does not mean a financial institution as a caretaker of funds or other assets unless such financial institution has entered into an agreement to act as a trustee of such property or has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction to act as a trustee with regard to the property of the adult;

SECTION 3. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Lynn's Law".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.